

COTTO IS NON EST

It Took Four Shocks to Send Him Hence

AWFUL WORK OF THE CURRENTS

The Man Appears to Be Conscious After the Second Shock—The Story of His Crime in Brief.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Jeremiah Cotto, the murderer of Louis Frankel, was electrocuted at 10:45 a. m. Four shocks were given. After the first three there were apparent signs of life. Each shock was for twelve seconds. The scene was most revolting and the execution is described as the most horrible yet.

In the Death Chair.

Cotto spent most of the time in prayer, and seemed to derive much comfort from the words of Father De Santa, who spent the night with him. The witnesses and ten reporters entered the death chamber at 10:35. Cotto was brought in between two priests, Revs. Father Milo and De Santa, of Brooklyn. Warden Brown walked in front of Cotto. Cotto was repeating the prayers in Italian after Father De Santa. Cotto was very weak and appeared to be ready to collapse. He was quickly placed in the chair and was strapped down by two keepers. The two priests got down on their knees and continued to pray, Cotto repeating the prayer after them.

Turned on the Current.

The electrode was applied to the right leg. When the straps had been adjusted Warden Brown gave the signal, the switch bar was thrown and the current shot through the form in the chair. The priests were still praying in a loud voice, but the straps across Cotto's face partly bound his lips, so he could only mumble the responses. The sound of his voice was cut off sharply as the current passed through him and his body strained at the straps. His face flushed purple and froth came from his lips. The current was turned off in thirty-two seconds.

No Still Alive.

Cotto slowly opened his eyes and looked at Father Milo with what seemed a reproachful expression. He seemed protesting mutely against the treatment he was receiving. His hands moved and there was no doubt in the minds of the witnesses that he was not only alive, but conscious. The signal was given again by Warden Brown and once more the body stiffened up and strained at the straps. The current was kept on about twelve seconds, when it was turned off a second time and Cotto's body settled down in the chair limp and at first apparently lifeless. The doctors stepped forward to listen to the heart and feel the pulse, but before they reached the body the fingers moved and Warden Brown again gave the signal.

The Third Shock.

For the third time the current shot through the body, and the rigidity of muscles and the straining at the straps was repeated. When the current was turned off this time Dr. Irving applied the stethoscope to the heart and Dr. Abbott, who had been keeping the official time, felt the pulse. They shook their heads and stepped back. The fingers began to move again and there was plenty of evidence that Cotto was still alive.

Finished the Horrible Job.

For the fourth time the warden gave the signal and for the fourth time the current was turned on. It was not turned off until the face of the man had turned a purplish black and the exposed part of the right leg was of the same color. This time the current completed its work, for when it was turned off the physicians found no signs of life.

Dr. Irving, in answer to a question of the reporter as to the indications of life after the third shock, said: "Yes, there were faint indications of life when I listened at the man's heart and felt his pulse."

Cotto's body was not claimed by his relatives. It will be buried in quicklime.

The Crime.

The murder for which Cotto died was committed last July in the outskirts of Brooklyn, and his victim, Louis Frankel, was a rag picker. Cotto had been a lover of Mrs. Frankel in Naples, Italy, and after she and her husband emigrated to this country she sent Cotto money to follow her. He deserted a wife and family to join his paramour here. He lived with the Frankels in a tumble-down tenement in Brooklyn, and he and Mrs. Frankel discussed the question of getting Frankel out of the way so that they might maintain their relations without the husband's interference. One Friday night Frankel started out to steal vegetables from a neighboring farm, and was stealthily followed by Cotto. Upon a lonely roadside Cotto came upon his victim, and with savage fury pushed him so low that his head struck a stone and he lay dying in the road.

SUING HER FATHER.

Miss Marie Roberts accuses Her Father of Trying to Put Her in an Asylum.

OTTUMWA, Ia., March 28.—Miss Marie Roberts, of Ottumwa, has brought suit for \$10,000 against T. A. White, her uncle, and J. L. Roberts, her father, for attempting to have her sent to the insane asylum. The young lady has a large amount of property, and it is thought the defendants took this method to get possession of it. Public sentiment is with Miss Roberts.

Mr. Spurgeon Left All to His Wife.

LONDON, March 28.—The will of the late Charles Spurgeon, the famous preacher, has been offered for probate. It is a simple document, and in it Mr. Spurgeon leaves everything he possessed to his wife, who is made the sole executrix. The personality is declared to amount to \$11,150 (\$85,500).

Bishop of Green Bay.

NEW YORK, March 28.—With the impressive ceremonies of the Roman Catholic church Rev. Dr. Sebastian Behrard Messmer was consecrated Bishop of Green Bay, Wis., Sunday in St. Peter's church, Newark.

Dead for a Big Sum.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Mrs. Homer B. Baldwin, who was so badly injured in the Hastings railroad wreck on Christmas eve, has brought suit for \$500,000 damages in the supreme court against the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company. The complaint says that as a result of the accident Mrs. Baldwin lost both hands, both eyes, both ears, and all the hair

on her head, was burned very severely about the face and internally and received severe injury to her skull. Mrs. Baldwin signed the complaint with a pen held in her teeth.

FOUR WITH ONE BULLET.

Singular Series of Injuries Caused by the Accidental Firing of a Gun.

DEMING, N. M., March 28.—A serious accident occurred between Potomac, Mex., and Deming, N. M., to a Mormon family Saturday. B. H. Young was driving along behind another wagon when a loaded gun in the front wagon fell and was discharged. The ball pierced Mr. Young's shoulder, then his son's hip, and then, passing through the baby, struck Mrs. Mary Roberts, daughter of Mr. Young. The bullet very seriously wounded the father and son, killed the baby instantly and severely wounded Mrs. Roberts.

DEATH OF PATRICK DINAN.

The Owner of the Famous White Horse Which Figured Prominently in the Chicago Tragedy Passes Away.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Patrick Dinan, the liveryman at No. 200 North Clark street from whom Detective Dan Coughlin hired the famous white horse which carried Dr. Cronin to the Carson cottage, where he was murdered, died at his home at 3 o'clock Sunday morning.

It was chiefly through the evidence furnished by Dinan that Detective Coughlin was convicted. Coughlin the night of May 4, 1889, hired the white horse and buggy for a "friend." This friend called for Dr. Cronin and told the doctor that one of P. O'Sullivan's employees had been injured. Dr. Cronin was then driven to the Carson cottage, where he was murdered.

BLOODY WORK.

A Miner at Washington, Ind., Kills His Wife and Himself.

WASHINGTON, Ind., March 28.—Adam Niedick, a German coal-miner, shot and killed his wife late Saturday afternoon. He then ran to a stable two squares distant from his house, where he shot himself to death. Niedick had been long married to the woman and they had grown children. The couple quarreled frequently and Niedick had often threatened to kill her. He went home Saturday afternoon intoxicated and carried out his threat. The murder occurred in a thickly populated part of the city, and officers were hot on the trail of the murderer before he committed suicide.

HOPKINS GOT A BIG SUM.

Rumor That Seales Paid Him \$10,000, 000 Instead of \$2,000,000.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., March 28.—Did Timothy Hopkins receive \$3,000,000 or \$10,000,000 to settle the contest over the will of his foster-mother, the late Mrs. Edward F. Seales? Down at Great Barrington, where Kellogg terrace, the \$2,000,000 home that the widow of Mark Hopkins built, but scarcely occupied, stands deserted, it is whispered that the demand for \$10,000,000 has been acceded to. A woman who had often been the guest of Mrs. Seales before she became Mrs. Seales said that she knew that Seales had paid Hopkins \$10,000,000. Hopkins wanted \$12,000,000 at first, that being supposed to be about half the value of the estate. He finally dropped to \$10,000,000, and Mr. Seales was willing to settle for that amount. The woman said Hopkins had some damaging evidence to produce had the case gone on.

A CHILD'S SHOCKING DEATH.

Little Edna Taylor Dies from the Bite of a Rattlesnake.

WEST UNION, O., March 28.—While little Edna, daughter of William Taylor, was searching among the rocks in a small creek for shells she was struck in the face by a huge rattlesnake, which sunk its fangs into her flesh. The child's cries brought her father, who killed the snake, which measured 5 feet 6 inches and had seventeen rattles and a button. The child died in great agony the same evening.

SIX MEN DROWNED.

A Cross Current Capsizes a Boat Containing Eight Woodchoppers.

QUINCY, Ill., March 28.—Six colored men employed on the Illinois side of the river, opposite Canton, Mo., were drowned Saturday evening while crossing the river in a skiff. There were eight in the party, but two managed to save their lives by clinging to the boat. A cross current in the river capsized the boat. The drowned men were woodchoppers, named Marbie Shelton, Charles Bradshaw, Squire Hudson, Dorris Belt, Hugh Tibels and Jake Gross.

TOOK TWO LIVES.

A Young Traveling Man Kills His Mistress and Himself in Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., March 28.—Abner N. Gafford, a young traveling man from Manning, Ia., shot and killed Mabel Stevens and then killed himself early Sunday morning. When discovered they were both lying cold and stiff in bed. Gafford traveled for his brother, a butter-and-egg man at Manning. His parents are wealthy people living at Des Moines. Mabel's right name was Mooney and her parents live in Denver.

EDITOR MURFORD DEAD.

A Prominent Figure in the Democracy of Missouri Goes.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 28.—Dr. Morrison Munford, for over twenty years editor of the Kansas City Times, died at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon of exhaustion resulting from a long illness. He was 49 years of age. He owned the Times from 1899 until last summer, when he lost control of it. He planned to start an evening paper, but was taken sick before the project ripened. Munford's fortune was once \$2,000,000. He died worth only a few thousands.

Fire in Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., March 28.—The five-story building occupied by the Omaha Hardware Company at Nos. 920 and 922 Jones street was completely destroyed by fire Sunday morning, sustaining a loss of fully \$35,000. An explosion was heard just after the fire broke out. It is believed that burglars were trying to break into the vault and placed too large a charge of powder which communicated to inflammable material in the office.

Five Were Drowned.

WESTPORT, Cal., March 28.—The steamer Bentone was wrecked Sunday morning at Rockport. Both engines, the steward, one fireman and one sailor were drowned. The vessel was broken up on the rocks.

FURY OF THE WIND

A Gale Wrecks Many Buildings at Ceres Gordo, Ill.

DEMOLITION AND DESTRUCTION

No Lives Are Lost, But a Few Persons Were Hurt—Much Damage Caused by Heavy Hail.

CERES GORDO, Ill., March 28.—Ten buildings were completely wrecked by a cyclone Saturday afternoon and twenty others were more or less damaged. The cyclone was preceded by a terrible hailstorm which drove every one indoors, and to this may be attributed the fact that no one was killed or even seriously injured. It was a few minutes before 3 o'clock when the wind storm swept through the village from south to north and its path was marked by a strip of wrecked and ruined buildings 200 feet in width. The path of the storm passed west of the business portion, where most of the population was gathered. Those who saw the hurricane approach took to their cellars, the inhabitants of several of the houses dismantled thus escaping injury.

Many Homes Demolished.

Among the buildings wrecked were the residences of J. Clarkson, William Bowen, H. Hyatt and Edward Edwards. They were lifted from the foundations, unroofed and twisted out of shape. Clarkson's house was crushed like an eggshell by a huge timber blown from a lumber yard 450 yards away. The family was away on a visit and thus escaped. At Mrs. Griswold's the kitchen was blown from the main body of the house and hurled to the top of a tree in the yard. The barns of Joseph Auten, A. Manickie, Rob Hodge, W. H. Howells, G. Frantz, John Marsh and R. Wyne were completely demolished. So completely was the destruction of the last mentioned that not a board of it can be found. The homes of each of those above named were also badly damaged, as were a large number of other buildings. The only business building injured was the Shellabargers elevator. It did not receive the full force of the cyclone, but was unroofed and otherwise damaged. The total loss is estimated at \$40,000, with but little insurance. No one was seriously injured.

In Indiana.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 28.—A cone-shaped cyclone skirted along the northwest edge of this city Saturday afternoon, unroofing a number of houses and the chair factory of Showers Bros. A number of girls working in the factory were deluged with rain as the roof was blown away and were badly frightened, but escaped with little injury. An old lady by the name of Martz was badly hurt when her house was blown down.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 28.—A baby tornado swept through the city Saturday afternoon, followed by a damaging hailstorm. Signs were dismantled, part of the scaffolding of the soldiers' monument was blown down and a multitude of windows were battered in.

Furious Hailstorms.

CELINA, O., March 28.—At 4:15 Saturday afternoon a hailstorm commenced through this section of country, lasting until 5 o'clock. The hail fell to the depth of several inches, and some stones were as large as hen's eggs. This is the most terrible hailstorm ever witnessed in this section of the state, and a great deal of damage was done to the growing crops of wheat.

TUSCULA, Ill., March 28.—This vicinity was visited by a very heavy hailstorm Saturday, the equal of which has not been witnessed since 1853. Hail fell to a depth of 2 inches and of large size.

LEBANON, Ind., March 28.—A terrible hailstorm was felt here Saturday afternoon. It lasted for twenty minutes, some of the icy balls being as large as hen's eggs. A great many windows and skylights were demolished.

Killed by His Son-in-Law.

HILLBORO, Tex., March 28.—Shortly after midnight M. L. Fisher, one of the best known citizens of Hill county, was shot and killed by Thomas W. Mash, his son-in-law. Immediately after the shooting Mash left his wife with the dead body of her father, came to town, informed the authorities of what he had done and went to jail. An air of mystery pervaded the affair, and developments of an interesting character are expected.

Found Dead in Her Room.

DENVER, Col., March 28.—Mrs. C. T. Tucker, of Trinidad, Col., was found dead in her room on Tremont street Sunday night. She had killed herself by taking poison, and indications show that she had been dead since Friday night. She was supposed to be temporarily absent from the city, and hence the delay in the discovery of her body.

Killed with a Billiard Cue.

DIXON, Ill., March 28.—James Wade, living about 2 miles out of Sterling, was killed at the Elite billiard hall, in Sterling, on Saturday night. He got into a fight with the Johnson brothers, of that city, over a game of billiards and was struck on the head with a cue, crushing in his skull, from which injury he died.

Representative McKenna Resigns.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Representative McKenna of California, has addressed a letter to the speaker of the house informing him that he has forwarded to the governor of his state his resignation as a member of the house of representatives to take effect at once.

The Education Bill Withdrawn.

BERLIN, March 28.—The emperor's primary education bill before the German reichstag, which caused so much opposition throughout Germany, has been withdrawn by the government.

Spokane's Surrender.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—Claus Spreckels' sugar refinery was formally turned over Saturday to the sugar trust in consideration of \$7,000,000 in trust certificates.

Quay's Liberals at Liberty.

REAYER, Pa., March 28.—Messrs. Mellon and Porter, the Star publishers who were prosecuted for criminal libel by Senator Quay, were set at liberty Saturday. They have been in

jail since February 2. Their pardon arrived just after midnight. The costs, amounting to about \$300, were paid by contributions.

SALISBURY'S LATEST.

The British Premier Replies to Wharton's Note of March 22. LONDON, March 28.—Lord Salisbury, under date of March 28, has replied as follows to Sir Julian Pauncefote in response to Mr. Wharton's letter of March 22:

"In reply to your telegram of the 22d last notice has been given to owners of ships sailing for Behring sea that both agreements at present under discussion between Great Britain and the United States—that as to arbitration and that as to an intermediate arrangement—may affect the liberty of sailing in Behring sea. They have all, therefore, notice of their liability to possible interruption and will sail subject to that notice. The question of time is not, therefore, urgent."

"Inform the president that we concur in thinking that when the treaty has been ratified there will arise a new state of things. Until it is ratified our conduct is governed by the language of your note on the 15th of June, 1890. But when it is ratified each party must admit that contingent rights have become vested in the other, which both desire to protect. We think that the prohibition of sealing, if it stands alone, will be unjust to British sealers if the decision of the arbitrators should be adverse to the United States."

"We are, however, willing, when the treaty has been ratified, to agree to an arrangement similar to that of last year if the United States will consent that the arbitrators should, in the event of a decision adverse to the United States, assess the damages which the prohibition of sealing shall have inflicted on British sealers during the pendency of the arbitration and in the event of a decision adverse to Great Britain, should assess the damages which the limitation of slaughter shall have inflicted on the United States or its losses."

"As an alternative course we are also willing after the ratification of the treaty to prohibit sealing in the disputed waters, if vessels be exempted from prohibition which produce a certificate that they have given security for such damages as the arbitrators may assess in case of a decision adverse to Great Britain, the arbitrators to receive the necessary authority on that behalf. In this case a restriction of slaughter on the islands will not in point of equality be necessary. Her Majesty's government is unable to see any other than one of the two methods of restricting seal hunting in the disputed waters during the arbitration which will be equitable to both parties."

ASSASSINATED.

A Colored Bishop in South Carolina Shot Dead in the Pulpit.

AVONDALE, Ga., March 28.—News has been received here of the murder of Bishop Jones, a noted colored minister in Allendale, S. C., Thursday night. Jones formerly preached in Augusta, but went to Allendale. He succeeded in getting a considerable following, mostly from the women, supplemented by a few of the most ardent sinners among the men. Some of the husbands of the female followers objected to his methods and they prosecuted him for vagrancy, but he made a good showing on the trial. Then a number of men disguised as women waylaid the bishop at night and hammered him. He kept on with his preaching and a short time ago his adherents built a church. Thursday night service was in progress. The bishop had prayed and taken a seat in the pulpit. An assistant had commenced to exhort when a side window was stealthily opened, the muzzle of a gun was thrust through and fired. The door of the church was shut by the murderers from the outside. Upon the discharge of the gun every light was extinguished. Then there was confusion, women screamed and struggled in total darkness expecting instant death. In a short time some one picked up courage to strike a light, when it was found that their bishop was dead with a hole in his left breast. The assassin has not been run down.

Grand Army Reunion.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 28.—The twenty-sixth annual encampment of the Illinois department of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Springfield April 7 and 8. The sessions will be held in the assembly chamber in the capitol building. Great interest is beginning to be manifested in the event by the grand army men throughout the state.

FACTS BRIEFLY STATED.

By means of ingeniously-worded contracts the farmers in Henry county, Ia., are being swindled by lightning-rod agents.

The executive committee of the Iowa State Teachers' association has decided to hold the next annual meeting at Cedar Rapids December 27-30.

John Oehre, a prominent farmer of Clinton county, Ill., blew the top of his head off with a shotgun. Temporary insanity caused by the grip is supposed to have been the cause.

Mrs. Patrick Murphy, mother of Lizzie Murphy, out of jealousy for whom Tom Gaffey killed Buggy at Duncomb Ia., two weeks ago, died Saturday as a result of the shock.

A section of copper rock in the Calumet and Hecla mine at Houghton, Mich., fell on John Kevelo and Joseph Julir, Saturday night. Julir was instantly killed and Kevelo badly injured.

George Sheppard Page, the millionaire chemist of Wall street, New York, who was removed to Morris Plains insane asylum last Monday, died Saturday.

It is reported from New York that leading manufacturers are endeavoring to organize an umbrella trust. This branch of manufactures amount to \$15,000,000 a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Martinetta celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their farm in Dodge county, Wis., Saturday. They settled on the farm in 1848. Six children and twenty-three grandchildren were present.

The Explosion of a Bomb.

The explosion of a bomb is not more sudden or unlooked for than the attack of some malignant disease which would not occur were the blood in perfect order. To improve blood is thus a great variety of life that make life a burden. Purify your blood, and you have it.

All the great cures, you may rely upon Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to purify the blood and invigorate the system. It is not like the arsenicals, that are said to be good for the blood in March, April and May. The "Discovery" works equally well at all times, and in all cases of blood taint, or humors, no matter what their name or nature.

It's the cheapest blood-purifier, sold through druggists, because you only pay for the good you get.

Your money is returned if it doesn't benefit or cure you.

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TWO DAYS' SALE OF

Buttermilk SOAP

THE COMPLEXION BEAUTIFIER

The efficacy of fresh buttermilk for improving the complexion is well known among the ladies. Genius has at last successfully combined this simple and healthful product with fine oils, the result of which furnishes the grandest toilet soap in the world for the complexion. This delightful and delicately perfumed Soap sells regularly at 25c. per cake, but

Monday and Tuesday

In order to introduce it to the ladies of Grand Rapids,

SPRING & COMPANY

Will sell it at

ONLY 10 CENTS

A Cake.



IMPORTANT TO READERS. Out of 1300 Cloaks in the Vossen stock, 700 are yet unsold. They must be closed out at some price as speedily as possible. These 700 garments cover all popular lines, such as Plush Cloaks, Newmarkets, Jackets, Capes, etc. You will need no urging to buy if we have your size, the price will furnish the incentive.

It will Create Another Panic: 1100 pairs Ladies good hose on sale Monday morning at 5 cents a pair.

Equally Wonderful: 183 dozen Ladies' Jersey, low neck, sleeveless vests at 5 cents each.

110 dozen Edgerrigan low neck, sleeveless vests, regular value 50 cents, will be closed out at 10 cents, commencing Monday morning.

A Corset Crash: 480 Misses Corsets worth 40 cents each. If you are in time, you can buy one or more at 18 cents each.

781 Ladies' Corsets at 25 cents, worth more than 50 cents each, every one of them.

76 dozen Ladies' Corsets, worth \$1 everywhere, we close them out at 40 cents.

63 dozen regular \$1.25 corsets will be sold at 60c.

47 dozen Corsets such as you have always paid \$1.50 to buy, will cost you this v 75c.

Ladies' \$1 Gloves at 58c. You cannot have too many of them and this chance will not last forever. There is not more than 1000 pairs left and they are going like a shower of falling blossoms.

Another Big Ribbon Cut Will be inaugurated Monday morning to close out what is left of the Vossen stock. In fact, the Vossen goods will furnish food for grand surprise every hour until it is finally gone. Every day tremendous crowds fill the store to overflowing and customers save in their purchases what it would take them weeks to earn.

Our New Spring Cloaks: Just in, furnish a museum of rare beauty. Your fondest dream may be realized in all qualities and styles that make ladies outer garments attractive to the eye and comfortable to the wearer. Perfect fit, superior finish, newest styles and popular prices are the harmonizing elements that induce ladies to settle the cloak purchasing question at once. Varieties are unexcelled in the world and unequalled in Grand Rapids.

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